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"We feel that any act of pressure of interference or appearance thereof in matter of purely Eur domestic concern shld be avoided. Such action wld not only give aid to Commie propaganda but wld also tend to create suspicions in the Eur states that we were attempting to use our power directly to determine their natl policies.

"A discussion took place of the problem of whether unilateral action to protect our position in Berlin wld be feasible if Brit and French showed reluctance to agree to joint action, or whether the risk of alienating UK and French support wld counteract the advantages of prompt action. Further examination of this and other matters relating to Berlin will be made by Donnelly assisted by Kennan next week and Donnelly will transmit his views to the Dept.

"Finally, the question of Ger's role in Eur was discussed at length. We agreed that serious problems will be encountered in controlling and directing Ger pressures so that they do not disrupt the organization of Eur defense either by alienating other partners or by permitting the defense organization to be used for the solution of the problem of Ger unity. We feel this situation can be met at the proper time, but that our first task is to secure ratification of the def arrangements. We have considered the prospect that creation of Ger mil strength in alliance with the US, either through EDC or NATO, might be regarded by the Sov Union as closing out any possibility of a negotiated settlement with respect to Ger.

"There is need in gen for a continuing examination of the possible bases

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